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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 05/17/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 4, 5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "wherein the frequency" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 5 recites the limitation "wherein the frequency" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 9 recites the limitation "wherein the distance between the light source" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3, 6-8 and 10-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hord et al. (US 2004/0034874) in view of Hosaka (US 2004/0142745).

Regarding claim 1: Hord et al. discloses a "Pop-up advertising" display system that provides a subliminal advertisement message [page 8, ¶ 0064-0066]. Hord et al. does not disclose projecting the light source onto a particular surface. Although, it would have been obvious that a display system includes image projection means for projecting the image to be display; however, Hosaka discloses an advertising display device includes a projector (31) for projecting a light source (L) onto a surface (32) for displaying the advertised image [page 3, ¶ 0035-0038]. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to utilize a projector to project the display image as taught by Hosaka in a system as disclosed by Hord et al. for intermittently or briefly project the display image that is easily perceived by the consumer.

Regarding claim 2: Hord et al. discloses the image includes a representation of a human face (Fig. 5B).

Regarding claim 3: Hord et al. discloses the image includes a smiling mouth and eyes (Fig. 5B).

Regarding claim 6: Hosaka discloses the light source is white light [page 3, ¶ 0035].

Regarding claim 7: Hosaka does not disclose the claimed multi-color light; however, color projector is well known and used in the art for projecting colored images.

Regarding claim 8: Hosaka discloses different lamps used in projecting the light source [page 3, ¶ 0035].

Regarding claim 10: Hosaka discloses the light patter reflected on the surface is not in focus to a viewer [page 3, ¶ 0035].

Regarding claim 11: Hosaka discloses the surface includes an advertisement [page 3, ¶ 0038].

Regarding claim 12: See claim 1 above.

Regarding claims 13-14: See claim 1 above.

Regarding claim 15: Hosaka discloses the light pattern reflected on the surface [page 3, ¶ 0035].

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art of Mohan et al. (US 5,194,008) and Jones et al. discloses (US 5,075,789) are cited to show additional display systems.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan N. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-2967. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel J. Wu can be reached on (571) 272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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September 14, 2005

TOAN N. PHAM
PRIMARY EXAMINER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toan N. Pham', written over a horizontal line.